BEFORE THE FLORIDA JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION

INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE No. 04-239

CASE NO. 04-239

JUDGE RICHARD H. ALBRITTON, JR.

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

COMES NOW, the Honorable Richard H. Albritton, Jr., by and through his undersigned counsel and files this Motion for Extension of Time in which to file a responsive pleading pursuant to Rule 17 and as grounds therefor shows:

- 1. Judge Albritton was previously represented by Harry L. Harper, Esquire, in these proceedings.
- 2. On July 5, 2005, Judge Albritton retained the undersigned counsel to represent him in this cause.
- 3. The undersigned counsel has been advised that the responsive pleading to the Notice of Formal Charges is due on or before July 6, 2005.
- 4. The undersigned counsel has insufficient time in which to adequately draft a responsive pleading to the Notice of Formal Charges.
- 5. Special Counsel, David T. Knight, Esquire, has been contacted and has no objection to a twenty (20) day extension of time to allow successor counsel to prepare the responsive pleading.

This motion is made in good faith and not for the purpose of delay.

WHEREFORE, and by reason of the foregoing, Judge Richard H. Albritton, Jr. requests an extension of time until July 26, 2005 to file his response to the Notice of Formal Charges.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 6th day of July, 2005, the original of the foregoing Motion for Extension of Time has been filed via <u>e-file@flcourts.org</u> and furnished by FedEx overnight delivery to:

Honorable Thomas D. Hall Clerk Supreme Court of Florida 500 South Duval Street Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1927 with copies by U. S. Mail to:

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